

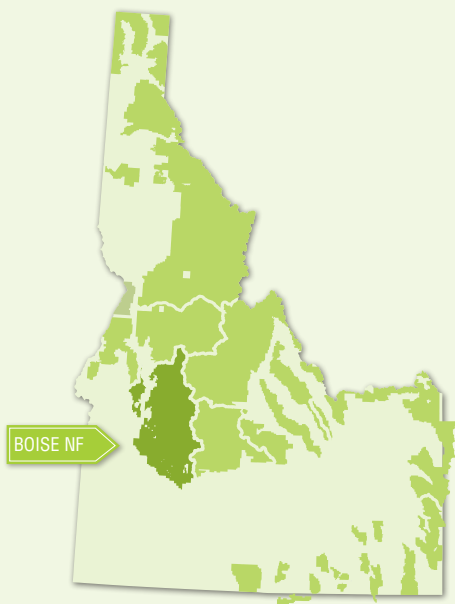
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION

BOISE

National Forest

AT A GLANCE

The Boise National Forest is the seventh largest National Forest in the United States, comprising 2.6 million acres. Located in Idaho, the Boise National Forest offers year-round recreation of all types.



TOTAL ACRES ON
THE BOISE
NATIONAL FOREST

2.6 M

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES:

- **87** campgrounds
- **5** picnic areas
- **93** trailheads
- **20** boating sites
- **1** wilderness area
- **337** motorized trails (1560 miles)
- **134** non-motorized trails (415 miles)

The Boise National Forest encompasses over 2.6 million acres of public land. Activities on the Forest emphasize recreation, vegetation treatments, wildlife and fisheries habitat improvement, and wildfire management. Significant effort focuses on forest health and restoration activities and fuels treatment. Elevations vary greatly, from 2,800 feet in the North Fork Payette River Canyon to nearly 10,000 feet atop Steel Mountain and Diversity abounds.

FOREST RESTORATION PROJECTS

**Farm Bill Authority*

High Valley Integrated Resource Project (Status – Planning)

Working with the Boise Forest Coalition (BFC), this project aims to improve wildlife habitat; reduce hazardous fuels; and improve forest health and watershed function.

Becker Integrated Resource Project (Status – Planning)

Restoration project to improve forest, soil, water, riparian, aquatics, wildlife and recreation conditions.

Bogus Basin Forest Health Project (Status – Planning)*

Working with the BFC, this treatment project aims to remove dead, insect and disease infested timber in a popular recreation area; improve Forest health; and create species diversity.

Williams Creek Project (Status – Implementation)*

Project to thin and reduce fuels to improve forest resiliency from insect and disease and promote wildlife habitat.

GREATER SAGE GROUSE IMPLEMENTATION

The Forest is following the requirements of the Greater Sage Grouse Conservation Plan. Portions of the Mountain Home Ranger District comprise moderate to high value habitat and/or populations and provide buffer habitat for priority management areas. The Forest will conduct baseline monitoring surveys to gather data to assess conditions within the Sage Grouse Management Area and will coordinate with the Bureau of Land Management, which is conducting similar surveys.



Snowmobiling is one of the various winter recreation activities you can do on the Boise.

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Lightning strike that caused a fire.

BOISE RIVER FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Forest is a cooperating agency with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Lead Agency) and the Bureau of Reclamation in the study of alternatives to reduce flood risk and meet future water supply needs in the lower Boise River watershed. One of the measures being considered would raise the Arrowrock Dam to add an additional estimated maximum of 70 feet in height. This has the potential to affect National Forest System lands through the inundation of existing recreation infrastructure and roads under Forest Service and County jurisdiction. Two segments of eligible Wild and Scenic Rivers could also be impacted.

CENTENNIAL JOB CORPS

Students at the Center work closely with the Boise National Forest to train and participate in a Type II Initial Attack hand crew, staff camp crews and provide dispatch support. The Center is working to gain approval to offer an advanced wildland firefighter trade at the Center that will meet the requirements of the wildland firefighter apprentice program and prepare students for firefighter careers.

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RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Recreation opportunities abound. The Forest offers hundreds of miles of trails for horseback riding, mountain biking, ATV's and motorcycles and is nationally known for whitewater rafting on the Payette River and fishing on the South Fork Boise River. Additionally, the Forest offers skiing, snowmobiling, dispersed and developed camping opportunities, backcountry routes and natural hot spring pools.

In winter months, the Forest hosts snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross-country and downhill skiing. The Winter Ranger Program, where citizens ski or snowshoe with a ranger and learn about forest health and habitats, is a resounding success (2016).

ANADROMOUS FISHERIES

In partnership with the Nez Perce Tribe, the Boise National Forest is in its seventh year of implementing projects to reduce sediment sources in the upper South Fork Salmon River to benefit critical habitat for bull trout, spring/summer Chinook salmon and steelhead. The project focuses on re-contouring, seeding and planting old road beds and restoring channel conditions to improve spawning and rearing conditions as well as hillslope hydrology and improved wildlife benefits.



Improving the fisheries habitat through partnership.